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# Beautiful Cannas



A bed of these brilliantly colored tropical looking plants in full bloom is a sight to be long remembered by any lover of the beautiful in nature. There is no other flower in garden or field so valuable for growing in the central west to our states, as the better varieties of Cannas. Their massive foliage and brilliant flowers make a gorgeous show from June to October. They endure our long, dry periods, intense heat, winds, dust and floods far better than any other ornamental plant.

Last June Ottawa had two floods, both of them burying many of our cannas out of sight for 48 hours. As soon as the ground dried we worked them carefully and not one out of fifty died. After the floods we had a very severe drought, lasting about twenty days. Notwithstanding the floods, drought and intense heat these cannas grew right along and bloomed freely until killed by freezing weather. Of course we took good care of them. Worked them often, watered and fertilized the soil. If you have but one bed of flowers it should be cannas.

For ten years we have been growing cannas and gladioli extensively and we are now the largest growers in the Central West. During this period we have carefully tested hundreds of varieties. When a new variety appears we buy plants and try them carefully by the side of our most valuable kinds and in this way determine whether it is better or inferior to what we already have. In this way we are able to offer our customers the very best cannas in existence.

Because a variety is extensively advertised and held at a high price is not proof that it is better than other well known kinds. Here is an example: "Firebird" is listed in many catalogues as being the best red cannas and sold at a high price. Last year we ordered a liberal quantity of plants and tested it carefully. All things considered we find it not as good as Pennsylvania. The blooms are very large and fine, but the foliage is so imperfect that it greatly injures the general appearance of the plant. We have found many other expensive varieties equally disappointing.

## Cheap Cannas.

Don't order cannas because they are cheap. If you do you will be disappointed. It takes no more space or labor to grow a good cannas than a poor one and the difference in looks will be so marked you will regret having bought at a low price. Buy the best, get good care of them and they will repay you for the cost and labor.

## Plants Better Than Bulbs.

You will notice we furnish plants instead of bulbs. If you get a strong, healthy plant you are sure of fine flowers. If you do your part it is very different with bulbs. From half to two-thirds of the bulbs sent out never produce good plants. Another advantage, if you get good strong plants they will begin blooming a month earlier than bulbs.

## Have Your Ground Ready.

As soon as you order plants prepare your ground carefully so it will be in shape for the plants as soon as received. Don't neglect this.

## How to Plant and Care for Cannas.

Cannas may be planted in round beds, square beds, rows or individual plants. In beds the plants should be from 18 to 24 inches apart each way. In single rows the plants will do well if not more than 12 to 18 inches apart. For a screen, background or hedge 12 inches is far enough apart. Cannas are voracious eaters and thrive best in very rich soil. Give the ground a heavy coat of barnyard fertilizer and spade it under deep. Thoroughly pulverize soil before planting. To obtain extra fine flowers and foliage, when the plants are about 2 feet high, cover the surface of the bed about six inches deep with fertilizer from the stable, but do not spade it under. Leave it on the surface. Tramp the fertilizer down so it will look smooth. Water sprinkled over this will carry a liquid fertilizer down to the roots. The result will be luxuriant foliage and the most brilliant flowers you ever saw. Fresh fertilizer right from the barn is as good, or even better, than if older. During dry, hot weather water your cannas liberally two or three times a week. Do this from five to eight in the evening so the cannas will get the full benefit of the water.

## Five Best Cannas.

Here are five of the best cannas you can find. All have large brilliant flowers which are continuously produced from June to October. All have massive foliage which contrasts with the flowers so as to enhance their beauty. If you want the very finest cannas, here they are:

**KING HUMBERT**—In this grand cannas we have a combination of the highest type of flower with the finest bronze foliage. It has flowers as large as the orchid-flowering cannas. Six inches across, in trusses of gigantic size; of a brilliant orange-scarlet, of a rich bright red markings. The foliage is broad and massive, of a rich copper-bronze, bold and effective. "King Humbert" is the one ideal cannas. Four feet tall.

**VENUS**—Green foliage. This is one of the prettiest cannas in existence. The flowers are a gay, rose pink, with a well defined border of creamy yellow. Blooms all the time with brads erect and flowers bright. If we were confined to but one cannas we should select Venus. Plants four feet tall.

**PENNSYLVANIA**—(Orchid). Intense vermillion-scarlet or pure red. The flowers are immense, often seven inches across. The foliage is a purplish green, massive and ornamental, forming a harmonious contrast to the tiny flowers. This is our best seller and everything considered one of the best cannas. Plants five feet tall.

**AUSTRIA**—Flowers pure lemon yellow of large size. Blooms continuously, often two or three spikes in bud at the same time. Foliage very fresh and green. A robust grower. It is the prettiest yellow cannas. Four and a half feet tall.

**SAM TREJANE IMPROVED**—New. Green foliage. Flower is most exquisite in color. An intense Poppy red, with a thread of Butternut yellow around the edge of each petal. Tips of petals are solid Poppy red, which toward the throat gradually shades to bright yellow mottled and striped with red on the throat. Sam Trejane is as attractive and so different that should you go to a field where a hundred varieties were growing you would be attracted to it. Three feet high.

Good strong plants of any of these varieties, 1 for 15 cts., 2 for 25c., 5 for 50 cts., 12 for \$1.00, 25 for \$2.00, 100 for \$7.50. Plants carefully wrapped and delivered at your postoffice at these prices. We pay postage or express charges.

## Queen Helen.

Here is what the introducers of this new cannas have to say: **THE WONDERFUL YELLOW KING HUMBERT or QUEEN HELEN**—(Green Orchid). This cannas is a sport from King Humbert, which is known far and wide as "the one best cannas." In yellow flowering form is a better cannas than King Humbert in their particulars. A far better grower and a better bloomer. Yellow Humbert will make at least 3 or 4 times the growth of the King and every stalk will have its flowers. The foliage is deep green, same shape as the King. The flowers are deep yellow, yellow, spotted red, the individual bloom and the truss being as large as Humbert's without question the best of all cannas to date.

We tried this cannas last year and found it to be as good as claimed. It is a remarkably vigorous grower and the most wonderful bloomer of all cannas. Three large flower spikes are often in bloom at one time. The plants are 4 feet high for a single bulb. This year we will sell good, strong, well rooted plants, 1 for 50 cts., 3 for \$1.25. Carefully packed and postage paid. If a lover of cannas try this fine new variety.

## Other Cannas.

Below is a list of other fine cannas we grow: **KATE P. DEWITT**—(4 ft.). Green foliage. The grand flowers are a rich, orange yellow, which gradually gives place to turkey red in the center. The throat of the flower is in striking contrast with the rest of the blossom, which turns almost white. The rich yellow bands on reddish-brown stems, combined with the yellow and white flowers make a fascinating combination.

**GLADIOLORA**—(3 1/2 ft.). Green foliage. Remarkable for the unusual shape of the flowers, which look like large gladioli. Petals are rounded and so wide they overlap each other. Color is crimson, changing to crimson rose, edged with gold. The bright, firm, well-formed blooms show up attractively always.

**LOVELINESS**—(3 ft.). Green foliage. The color of this exquisite cannas is most difficult to describe, but we think that "brilliant carmine" will convey to most customers the entrancing liveliness of this most charming variety. The blooms are formed on large heads which are borne erect, and the individual flowers, with firm, well-made petals, are of the new Gladiolus type. The foliage harmonizes perfectly with the beautiful flowers.

**YARASHI**—(4 ft.). Green foliage. The color of this splendid cannas is unusual, being an attractive, rich orange red, with a well-defined edge of bright, golden yellow. The flowers are very large, the petals being almost round and as broad as they are long. One of the most striking cannas ever produced.

**YARASHI**—(4 ft.). The bronze-leaved Rosa Gigantea. Flower is unusually large, petals broad and borne in great abundance well above the magnificent foliage of deep purple. This flower has been described as Bronze-leaved Rosa Gigantea for this flower has the same great size and carmine-pink color as that famous novelty, adding the advantage of handsome bronze foliage.

**UNCLE SAM**—(6 to 7 ft.). Green foliage. Very stately in appearance. Bears enormous bunches of brilliant orange-scarlet flowers. An extra-fine, Orchid-flowering variety.

**MUSKOGEE**—This is the finest foliage cannas yet seen, with enormous Musk-like leaves, three to five feet, of a dark green, bronze-tinted color, the edge of the leaves being beautifully banded with bronze-purple. In size and beauty of foliage it is a revelation, and makes a clump or single specimen plant for the garden which no other foliage plant can approach. Attains a height of eight feet, beautiful and symmetrical at every stage of growth.

**BRONZE MISKOGEE**—Same as above except it has dark bronze velvety looking foliage. For backgrounds, screens, hedges or individual plants on the lawn the two above are the finest plants in existence. Their immense tropical growth and beautifully colored foliage will always make them popular for these purposes. Both are as hardy as a wild sunflower and if planted in rich soil and given good cultivation they will delight you with their wonderful growth.

Good strong plants of any of the above cannas, carefully packed and postage paid, 1 for 12 cts., 3 for 25 cts., 12 for 30 cts., 25 for \$1.75, 100 for \$5.00.

## Gladiolus.



The Gladiolus is one of the most decorative plants in the garden, and as a cut flower stands itself readily to any arrangement. If the spikes are cut when the lowest flower is in bloom, the others will open in succession and remain fresh a week or ten days. No flowers are so long lived as the Gladiolus. It is in bloom from the spring and early summer, in this way a succession of bloom may be had from midsummer until frost. A free use of water during the season of active growth and particularly as the buds begin to show color will be beneficial in producing fine blossoms. In the autumn, before freezing, they should be dug up and the tops allowed to dry down, after which the dry tops, earth and old bulbs can be removed. Store in a cool, dry place, secure from frost until spring.

For the parlor, church, sick room, funerals, or in fact anywhere that a beautiful cut flower is needed none is more valuable and few equal to the gladiolus. They should be grown in every garden.

## Rainbow Mixture.

Our "Rainbow Mixture" is made up of such fine varieties as America, Mrs. Francis King, Chicago White and other fine named varieties. It is the very best cut flower mixture of blossoms in the autumn, before freezing, they should be dug up and the tops allowed to dry down, after which the dry tops, earth and old bulbs can be removed. Store in a cool, dry place, secure from frost until spring.

ORDER 100—To induce as many as possible to order 100 or more we are making a very low price. Here are our prices, postage prepaid: 1 nice sound bulb, 5 cts., 3 for 10 cts., 12 for 20 cts., 40 for 15 cts., 100 for \$1.25.



## Mexican Tuberosa.

This new Tuberosa has become wonderfully popular where known. It is a single variety with long tubular, pure white, wax-like blossoms in big clusters. It is sure to do well anywhere and bloom abundantly and for a long period. Its buds never blight and it is the most satisfactory outdoor Tuberosa. Its fragrance is fully up to old standard sort. As it is inexpensive we hope our patrons will all try it. Fine bulbs, 10c each; 3 for 20c; 10 for 50c; 25 for \$1.00.

## Ribbon Grass.

This beautiful grass grows about two feet high and in a dense mass. The blades or leaves are from 6 to 18 inches long by 1/4 inch wide. They are a light green with a broad yellowish white stripe running full length. It is as hardy as a tree and each succeeding year becomes more luxuriant and beautiful. A bed or an individual plant makes a beautiful show on a lawn or in the garden. The blades make a fine drapery for postage. On account of its usefulness as a plant and hardiness it should be grown in every home. We hope every customer will order one or more plants. One plant 12 cts., 3 for 25 cts., 10 for 50 cts.

## Golden Glow.

Golden Glow is very hardy, the plants becoming more sturdy each year. It begins blooming in July or August and for weeks is a mass of lemon yellow flowers as large and pretty as a cactus dahlia. As an ornamental plant or for cut flowers it is very valuable. On account of its hardiness and free blooming habit it should be grown by every property owner. One plant 12 cts., 3 for 25 cts., 10 for 50 cts.

## Chinese Woolflower.

This was introduced from China three years ago and has proved a great success everywhere. There is not the slightest doubt but that it is the most magnificent garden annual ever introduced. Its ease of culture and long continued season of bloom together with its massive bunches of wool-like flowers and glowing color combine to make it the showiest as well as the most odd and novel garden flower. Four years of cultivation has demonstrated this fact. Plants grow two to three feet high, the blooms starting early with a central globular head which often touches the ground. The stems are 2 feet in circumference. Scores of branches are thrown out, each bearing a ball of scarlet wool. All these branches support numerous lateral with small heads of bloom mixed with fresh green foliage so that a plant looks like an immense bouquet splendidly arranged and set in the ground. None of the blooms fade in any way until hit by frost, but all continue to expand and glow with a deepening richness of color, a deep crimson-scarlet.

Sow seed if convenient under glass about four weeks before time to transplant to the garden. If the little plants remain too long in pots or seed beds they will begin to set bloom which is not desirable. Transplant to the garden as soon as danger of frost is passed.

One packet seed 10 cts., 3 for 25 cts. Good strong plants that will begin blooming within three or four weeks after being set out, 2 for 25 cts., 5 for 50 cts., 12 for \$1.00. If a lover of beautiful flowers don't fail to try this one.



## Jewel Vine.

The most brilliantly beautiful New Annual Climber that has been introduced for many a year. It is extremely rapid grower. It flowers early and profusely; the vines branch freely, quickly attaining a height of 20 feet. The dark green leaves are deeply lacinated, resembling a fine Japanese Maple. Each plant bears almost countless numbers of extremely rich, circular, glowing scarlet flowers which average 1 1/2 inches in diameter, the tube being 1/4 inches in length. It succeeds best in a warm, sunny position and should be planted in rich soil. While most profuse in flowering from July until frost. Seed may be sown in the open ground or sowed in pots. One will make vine enough to cover a space five feet wide and ten to fifteen feet high. Our word for it, this is one of the very finest novelties of recent times.

Jewel Vine Seed may germinate poorly on account of the hard shell. It is best to file a notch in the seed and then soak in lukewarm water twelve hours before planting. One packet of 10 seeds 10 cts., or 3 packets for 25 cts. Good strong plants, 1 for 16 cts., 2 for 26 cts., 5 for 60 cts., 12 for \$1.00.



## Summer Cypress or Mexican Burning Bush.

(Koehia Trichophylla)

This we consider one of the most ornamental border or hedge plants that has ever been brought out and it is sure to attract attention. The plants branch freely, and the stems are clothed with slender light green leaves. Early in the fall the ends of the shoots are thickly set with small bright scarlet flowers, the bushy plants resembling balls of fire. The plants are equally showy planted singly to show the round ball-like forms on all sides or grown in continuous rows. Good strong plants, 10 cts. each, 10 for 50 cts., 25 for \$1.00.



## Salvia Splendens or Flowering Sage.

One of the most beautiful and showy of our summer and autumn flowering plants, with its long spikes of brilliant scarlet flowers. Excellent for bedding and for bordering large canals, beds; also used for annual hedges along walks and driveways. Salvia grows from 2 to 2 1/2 feet high and when planted in beds should be from 15 to 18 inches apart. When in single rows 12 inches apart is about right. For several years the growing of salvia plants has been one of our specialties and we seldom have enough to supply the demand. We pick the plants carefully so they may be shipped hundreds of miles with perfect safety. Better send us your order early and we will ship plants when able to plant them outside.

One liberal packet of seed for 10 cts., 3 for 26 cts. Large thrifty well rooted plants, 12 for 50 cts., 24 for 90 cts., 36 for \$1.25.



## Giant Flowering Pansies.

Everyone knows what admires the pansy. Its pretty smiling face is among the first of the flower family to greet us in the spring. For years we have sold large quantities of pansy plants and the demand increases each year. We buy the finest and most expensive seed and our pansies are of the largest size and most brilliant colors. We wrap the plants carefully so they will go a long distance with perfect safety. One packet of seed, 10 cts. Large well rooted plants, 12 for 35 cts., 25 for 60 cts., 50 for \$1.00.



## New Giant Portulaca.

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## Asters.

The acknowledged queen of autumn annuals. Indispensable for the flower garden, also as a show plant for fairs and exhibitions, and charming pot plants. Very profuse bloomers, with exceedingly beautiful flowers of the most exquisite colors and most perfect form.

The seed we offer should produce blooms of the largest size and most brilliant colors. Seed—Mixed colors, 1 packet 5 cts., 6 for 25 cts.

## Everbearing Strawberry Plants.

Well-rooted, healthy plants, 100 for \$1.00, 500 for \$1.50, postage prepaid, or, if you prefer to have them sent by express and pay charges yourself, will sell you 100 for 90 cts., or 500 for \$4.00.

## The "Americus".

We have tried the "Americus", "Progressive" and "Superb" Everbearing strawberries and the Americus has been the best bearer of good size berries of the finest flavor. We have grown it three years, and knowing what it has done for us, can honestly recommend it. It will please you if you do your part.

We have been interested in Everbearing strawberries for five years. At first we thought them a novelty of little practical value, brought out to part the customer from his good money. However, when the foremost strawberry growers of the United States began to speak kindly of them we thought it time to give them a trial. Two years ago we put out plants but the summer was so dry and hot they did not do much, but under such unfavorable conditions they bore some berries. A year ago we planted half an acre and determined to find out if they had sufficient merits to justify paying the high prices asked for plants. Last season we entirely paid for the strawberries. The ground we planted on was level and on two sides there were sidewalks which were several inches above the ground on which the berries grew. Many times during the heavy showers most of the plants were buried under water. For six weeks we were unable to get on the ground to cultivate. However, with all these adversities over half of them continued to grow and during August, September and October we picked and sold between \$50.00 and \$100.00 worth of good berries. Had the season been favorable we believe we would have had around \$200.00 worth of salable berries on this half acre.

Similar reports of the good behavior of the Everbearing strawberries come from every part of the country. Practically every grower who has tried them carefully is pleased. After our experience with Everbearing strawberries we can heartily endorse the following quotation from one of the largest and most conservative strawberry growers in Kansas: "Everbearing strawberries are decidedly the greatest acquisition to the horticultural world that has been made during the last century."

We believe the Everbearing strawberry in a few years will revolutionize the strawberry business and to a considerable extent the entire small fruit business.

## Why?

Because instead of bearing only two, three or four weeks each season, it will bear four or five months. It is planted from the middle of August until cold weather, while from the ordinary varieties we expect nothing the first season.

Because it is the hardiest, the thriftiest and the most persevering of all the strawberry family.

Because, if the bloom and young berries are killed by a freeze in May, it will laugh at Jack Frost and without loss of time proceed to make new bloom and berries just as though nothing had happened. You know a late freeze often ruins most of the fruit of the ordinary kinds.

We wrote the above a year ago. After another year's experience with Everbearing strawberries we are more fully convinced than ever that the Everbearing berry will soon crowd out the old variety. Last season of one-third of our Americus plants that we put out the year before we picked and sold over \$125.00 worth of berries and none were sold at an extra high price. If planted on good soil and given careful attention we believe Americus plants will produce from \$300.00 to \$500.00 worth of berries in a season.

Why not order 100 or 500 plants right away, put them on rich soil and give them careful attention. Our word for it, you will not regret it.

## Genuine Everbearing Plants.

We grow plants we are selling right here in Ottawa and know them to be the true Everbearing variety, as they fruited freely through August, September and October. If you buy of us you are sure to get the true Everbearing variety at a reasonable price. Our plants will be dug as needed and will be fresh and vigorous. They will grow and produce fruit this year if properly cared for. Don't pay some windy canvasser or mail order house \$2, \$3 or \$5 per 100 for plants no better and probably not as good as ours. Buy from the grower at wholesale prices.

## Horse Radish.

Why not have a few horse radish plants growing in your garden? The roots are valuable for seasoning pickles of all kinds and for grating. It is easily started and lives always.

Twelve roots for 25 cts., 30 for 50 cts.

## Sage Plants.

If you get good plants sage is easily started and lives year after year. Three plants will furnish all the leaves needed by the family. The dried leaves are valuable for seasoning pickles of all kinds and for grating. It is easily started and lives always. Twelve roots for 25 cts., 30 for 50 cts.

## Cabbage Plants.

For ten years we have grown large quantities of early cabbage plants. After careful experiments we find Early Glory to be the best early cabbage. It is as early as most other early varieties and two or three times as large. It is a sure header and very hardy. The heads weigh from 3 to 10 lbs. each, are round, solid, tender and of finest quality. It is the ideal early cabbage. All our plants have been transplanted and have strong healthy roots. Plants—25 for 50 cts., 50 for 60 cts., 100 for \$1.00. We grow but one variety—Early Glory. It is the best.

## Tomato Plants.

All our tomato plants have been transplanted, are stocky and have strong healthy roots.

**EARLY JEWEL**—We find Early Jewel to be the best all-around early variety. The plant is vigorous, healthy and continues to bear fruit from early in the season until killed by frost. The fruits are large, smooth, solid and of the best quality. It begins to ripen fruits nearly as early as Earliana, continues to bear longer and fruits are larger, smoother and of better quality. We have plants ready to ship the first of April.

Early Jewel Plants—12 for 30 cts., 25 for 60 cts., 50 for 90 cts., 100 for \$1.75.

**PONDEROSA**—Ponderosa is the best slicing tomato grown. The fruits are very large, solid, have few seeds and in flavor surpass all other tomatoes.

**DWARF PONDEROSA**—This is the same as the above except the vines grow only about 3 feet high and are very stiff and sturdy. It is a very valuable kind and we urge all our customers to try at least a few of them. You are sure to like it.

**LIVINGSTON'S NEW STONE**—This is the great canning tomato and one of the varieties best adapted for canning than all others put together. The plant is very vigorous and a constant bearer until killed by frost. The fruits are large, a deep red, smooth and almost as solid as an apple. It is easily peeled and the ideal canning tomato.

Plants of Ponderosa, Stone and Dwarf Ponderosa will be ready to ship by the first of May. Prices for plants of all three of these varieties will be 12 for 20 cts., 25 for 35 cts., 50 for 65 cts., 100 for \$1.10.

## Pepper Plants.

We grow thousands of pepper plants each season. **RUBY GLANT** is a cross between Ruby King and Chinese Giant and is considered superior to either. The plants are large and low, with fruits until killed by frost. The fruits are very large, smooth, solid and mild in flavor. It is one of the best for pickling or stuffing. **Large Chimento** is a very hot variety, used in pickling or seasoning vegetables while cooking. Many of our customers grow it to fend to their friends during the winter to increase egg production. Strong, well rooted plants of either variety, 12 for 25c, 30 for 50c, 100 for \$1.50. Plants ready to ship about May 1st.

## Sweet Potato Plants.

We expect to grow several hundred thousand sweet potato plants this spring and will begin shipping about May 1st. **Yellow Jersey** is the standard variety. Plants will be worth, 50 for 35c, 100 for 50c, 500 for \$2.00, 1000 for \$3.75.

**RED BERMUDA** is a very large red potato, individual potatoes sometimes weighing 5 lbs. It is very productive, sweet and of good quality. Many of our customers will have no other kind. Plants will be worth 50 for 40c, 100 for 60c, 200 for \$1.10, 500 for \$2.50.

## When Plants Will be Ready to Ship.

We can ship gladiolus, tube roses, ribbon grass, golden glow, horse radish and sage plants at any time. They are ready now.

Canna plants can be shipped any time from April 10th to May 20th.

Early cabbage, Jewel tomatoes and pansy plants will be ready April 1st.

All other plants will be ready by May 1st or a little sooner. Postage or Express Prepaid—We prepay postage or express charges on all goods quoted on this sheet.

**Cash With Order**—As we are always very busy we cannot fill any order unless the full amount is enclosed. The bookkeeping and correspondence necessary would amount to more than our profit if sold on time.

**Write Your Name Plainly**—Be sure to write your name, post office, state and county so plain that any one can read them. Please don't neglect this.

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